

conversion of land use. Supreme Court has given time till 25th April for completing these.

(e) to (g) Data has been submitted to Operating Agencies to enable them to submit the Revival Schemes to BIFR before the due date given by Supreme Court.

Review of the garment and textiles production

2856. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether performance in respect of garment and textiles production has been reviewed recently;

(b) if so, the details of standard/parameters separately with regard to the plants and undertaking falling under public and private sector;

(c) whether the requirements of additional financial provisions have been highlighted in the budget for want of financial resources; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) Yes Sir, the Expert Committee set up under the Chairmanship of Shri S.R. Sathyam by the Government in 1998 has done a detailed review of the textile sector, including garments production.

(b) Government have not set up any standards with regard to plants and undertakings separately for the public sector and private sector.

(c) and (d) The budget 2001-2002 has included higher allocations for the budget of the Ministry of Textiles. It has also announced fiscal concessions to attract increased investment and provide greater resources to the textile sector. The major ones are:-

(i) Initiation of a scheme for setting up Integrated Apparel Parks to enable the dereserved readymade garment industry, to set up Modern Units with the best infrastructure. A budget provision of Rs. 10 crore has been provided for the year 2001-2002.

(ii) By 2004 at least 50,000 new shuttle-less looms and

conversion of 2.5 lakh plain looms to automatic looms would take place through funding from Textile Upgradation Fund Scheme.

- (iii) A budget provision for Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme has been raised to Rs. 200 crore for the year 2001-2002 from the present Rs. 50 crore budget allocation for Technology Mission on Cotton has been increased from Rs. 15 crore to Rs. 25 crore.
- (iv) The total budget allocation for the Ministry of Textiles has been enhanced from Rs. 457 crore in 2000-2001 to Rs. 650 crore in 2001-2002.

Welfare of handloom weavers

2857. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that handloom sector is the largest employment provider in the country after agriculture;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) the steps being taken by Government for the welfare of the handloom weavers; and

(d) the amount released for each of the States in the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. According to the handlooms census of 1995-96, the sector provides employment to 65.5 lakhs persons, engaged in weaving and allied activities. The State-wise details are given in Statement-I (See below)

(c) and (d) The Central Government extends financial assistance under Welfare & Development Schemes for the benefit of handloom weavers, namely, the Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme, Thrift Fund Scheme, Health Package Scheme, Group Insurance Scheme & New Insurance Scheme. The Statement showing the total Central assistance released under these schemes during the last three years is given in Statement-II.